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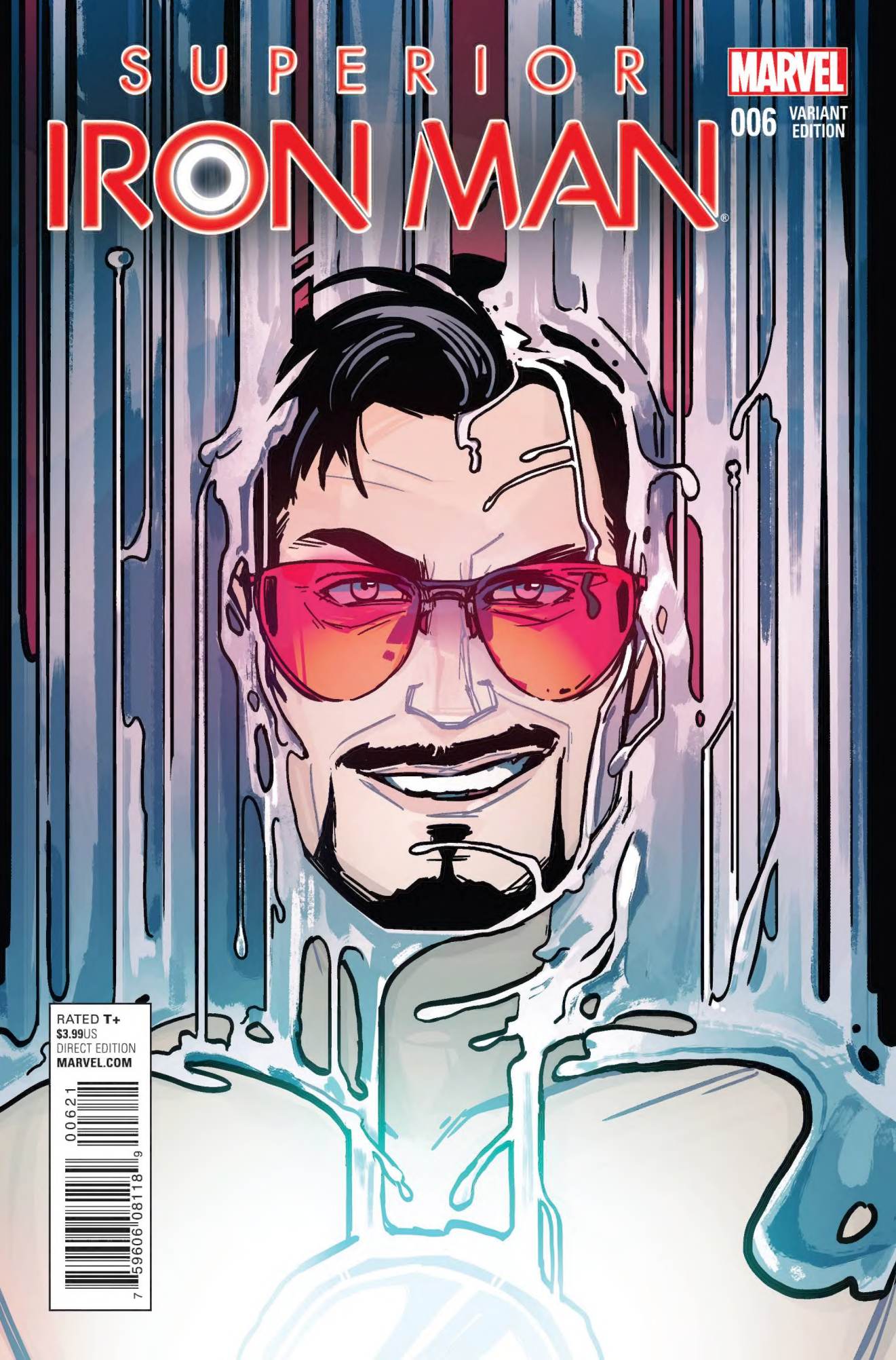

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BE SUPERIOR

Tony Stark is a technological visionary...a famous, wealthy and unparalleled inventor. With the world's most advanced and powerful suit of armor, Stark has valiantly protected the innocent as the golden Avenger known as IRON MAN.

A recent battle with a mentally powered villain has altered Stark's mind. With a more arrogant and aggressive personality surfacing, Stark used San Francisco to beta test his newest invention...THE EXTREMIS 3.0 App. It can improve people's lives, making them more attractive, smarter and healthier.

Jamie Carlson, A.K.A. TEEN ABOMINATION, attacked the city in an effort to get Stark's attention. He'd taken Extremis 3.0 in hopes of curing his hideous disposition but the app had no effect. Tony took him in under his protection and promised to cure him. While studying the teen's DNA, he discovered the boy's biological father was Tony's deceased friend, Happy Hogan.

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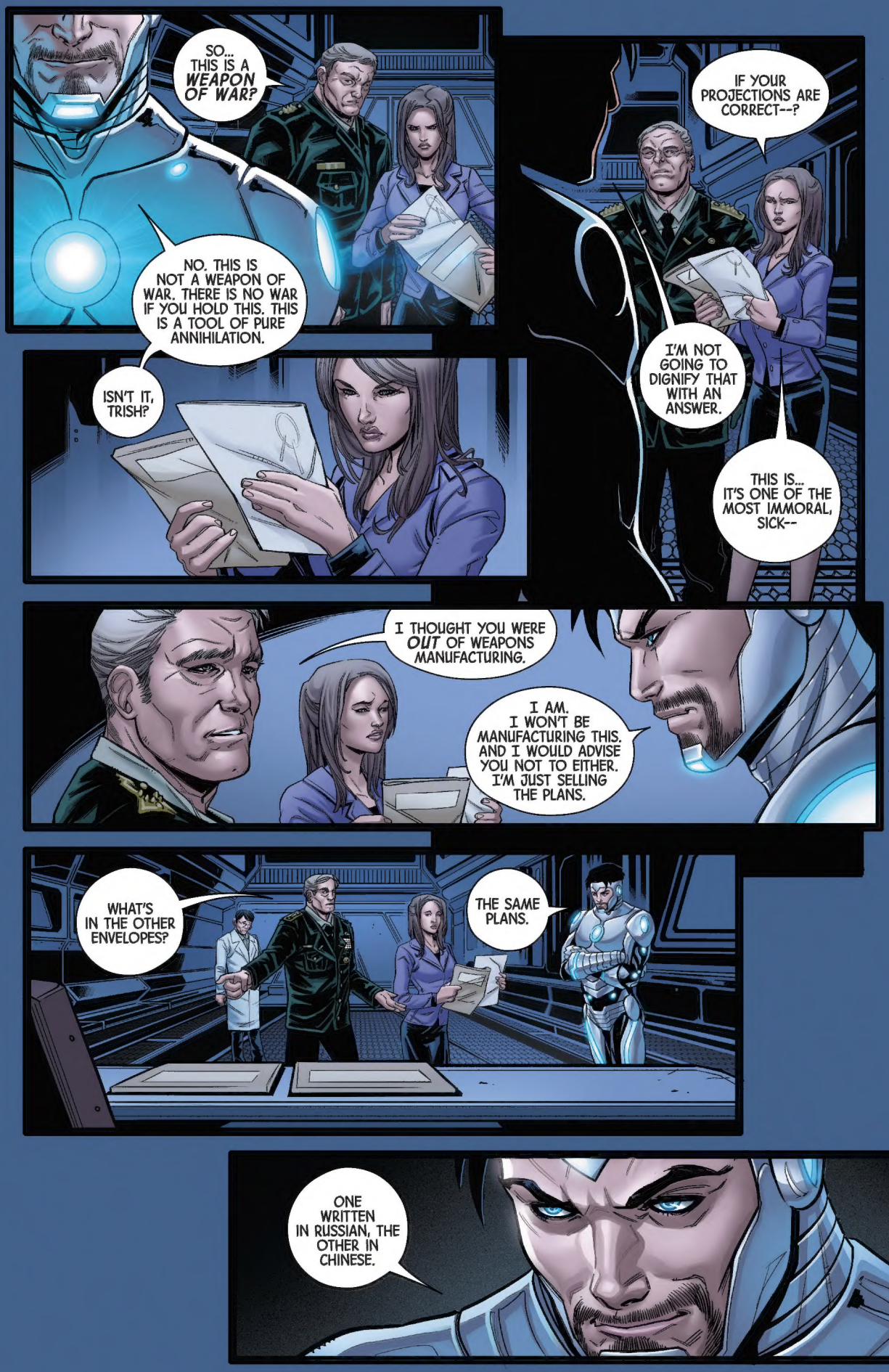
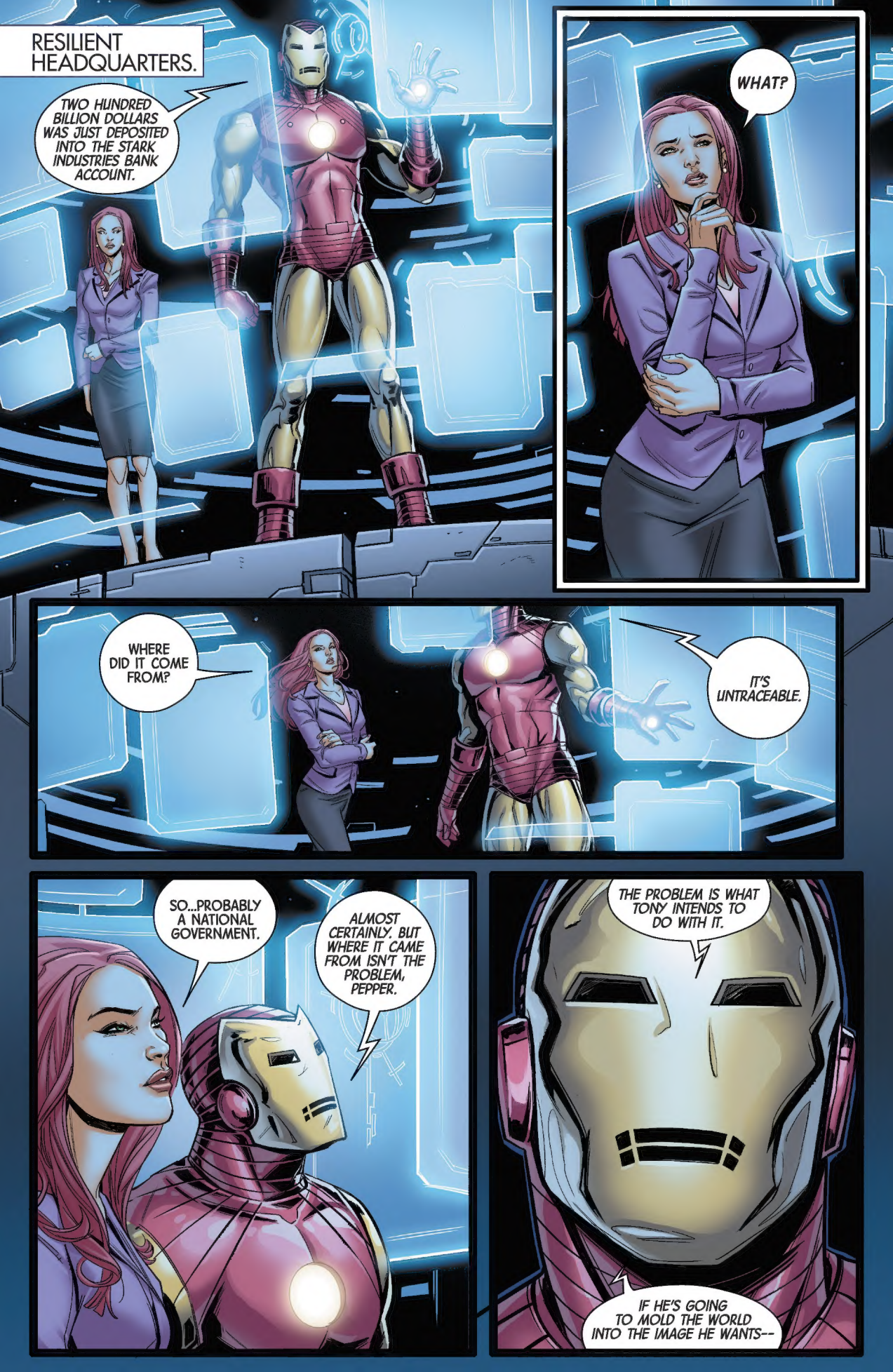
WHAT IS THIS, MISTER STARK?
FOR YOU, IT'S TWO HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS.
THESE ARE YOUR EXPERTS, GENERAL DALY?
YES.
TRISH IS OKAY. SHE KNOWS HER STUFF.
BUT LARRY?
HOW DID YOU TRICK THEM INTO THINKING YOU'RE IN ANY WAY COMPETENT?
I...
THE LAB COAT ISN'T FOOLING ANYONE, LARRY.
HE'S NOT GOING TO UNDERSTAND THIS, GENERAL, NO MATTER WHAT BIG WORDS HE USED IN HIS JOB INTERVIEW.


SO... THIS IS A WEAPON OF WAR?
NO. THIS IS NOT A WEAPON OF WAR. THERE IS NO WAR IF YOU HOLD THIS. THIS IS A TOOL OF PURE ANNIHILATION.
ISN'T IT, TRISH?
IF YOUR PROJECTIONS ARE CORRECT--?
I'M NOT GOING TO DIGNIFY THAT WITH AN ANSWER.
THIS IS... IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMMORAL, SICK--
I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT OF WEAPONS MANUFACTURING.
I AM. I WON'T BE MANUFACTURING THIS. AND I WOULD ADVISE YOU NOT TO EITHER. I'M JUST SELLING THE PLANS.
WHAT'S IN THE OTHER ENVELOPES?
THE SAME PLANS.
ONE WRITTEN IN RUSSIAN, THE OTHER IN CHINESE.


RESILIENT HEADQUARTERS.
TWO HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS WAS JUST DEPOSITED INTO THE STARK INDUSTRIES BANK ACCOUNT.
WHAT?
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
IT'S UNTRACEABLE.
SO...PROBABLY A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.
ALMOST CERTAINLY. BUT WHERE IT CAME FROM ISN'T THE PROBLEM, PEPPER.
THE PROBLEM IS WHAT TONY INTENDS TO DO WITH IT.
IF HE'S GOING TO MOLD THE WORLD INTO THE IMAGE HE WANTS--

"--THEN I KNOW WHAT HIS NEXT MOVE WILL BE."
NEW YORK.
WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING HERE PERSONALLY, MISTER STARK.
I SENSE A VERY LARGE "HOWEVER" APPROACHING, GERALD.
WELL, I HAVE TO SAY--

--I DON'T APPRECIATE THIS *INTIMIDATION.*

WHAT INTIMIDATION? JAMIE'S THIRTEEN YEARS OLD, AND I'M KIND OF HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN.
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET A BABYSITTER FOR A GIANT GREEN MONSTER?

JUST THINK OF THIS LIKE *"TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK DAY!"*

NOW, LET'S JUST IGNORE THE MONSTER IN THE ROOM AND FOCUS ON BUSINESS.
MISTER STARK, WE DO NOT APPRECIATE--
BZZZ BZZZ
DON'T ANSWER THAT.
BZZZ BZZZ
OR THAT.
BZZ
SERIOUSLY? THE BIGGEST MEETING THIS COMPANY HAS EVER HAD AND NONE OF YOU HAD THE COMMON COURTESY TO TURN YOUR PHONES OFF?
BZZZ
YOU DON'T NEED TO CHECK YOUR CELL PHONES.
BZZZ
BZZZ
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BZZZ
BZZZ
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING--

SELL.
BEFORE I WALKED IN HERE, I LEAKED MY TAKEOVER BID AMOUNT ONLINE AND TO EVERY MAJOR NEWS SERVICE, INCLUDING YOUR OWN.
THOSE MESSAGES ARE YOUR BACKERS, BUSINESS PARTNERS, INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS WITH ONE MESSAGE.
WHY?
WHY WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? YOU'VE NEVER WANTED A MEDIA EMPIRE BEFORE...
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE NEVER NEEDED TO LOOK GOOD BEFORE. I'M PRETTY MUCH UNIVERSALLY LOVED. THAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'VE SINGLE-HANDEDLY SAVED THE WORLD A BUNCH OF TIMES.
BUT NOW? WELL, I HAVE PLANS. CHANGE IS COMING. IT WILL BE CHANGE FOR THE BETTER BUT NOT EVERYONE WILL SEE IT THAT WAY. I'M EXPECTING SOME RESISTANCE.
SO, I WANT THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE LOYAL, BRAINWASHED CUSTOMERS WHO CONSUME YOUR MEDIA.
I WANT YOUR NETWORKS, YOUR PAPERS, YOUR ONLINE VIDEO SERVICES, YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, AND THE POLITICIANS IN YOUR POCKET. I WANT TO BUY IT ALL.

NOW, YOU'RE OLD, GERALD. YOU'VE DONE SOME TRULY EVIL THINGS, AND YOU'RE ABHORRED BY ALMOST EVERYONE AROUND YOU.
HOW DARE YOU! YOU--
YOUR EMPIRE WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM YOU SOONER OR LATER. INSTEAD, I'M OFFERING TO PURCHASE IT AT TWICE ITS VALUE.
BUT I KNOW IT'S HARD TO LET GO.
SO, HOW ABOUT I THROW IN AN EXTRA BILLION, AND YOU CAN BUY YOURSELF SOMETHING PRETTY?
YOU ARROGANT BASTARD!
WHOA. LET'S CALM DOWN HERE.
SECURITY!
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T POINT THOSE AT--
RAAARGH!
CRCK

CRSSSHH
CRCK
CK
AGHHH!
THIS HOSTILE TAKEOVER WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE QUITE THIS HOSTILE.

SORRY. HE'S A LITTLE OVER-PROTECTIVE.
CLCK
DON'T BE AN IDIOT.
BANG
TNK
ROOAARGHH!

TNK
TNK
STOP FIRING!
NAAARGHH!
CRCK

SSHH
TNK
I SAID--

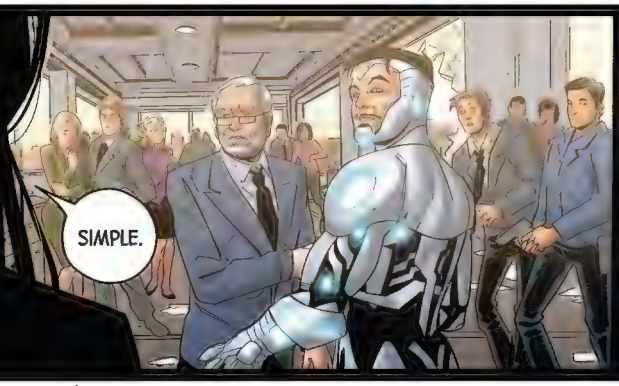
STOP FIRING.

HNNNG.
JAMIE...

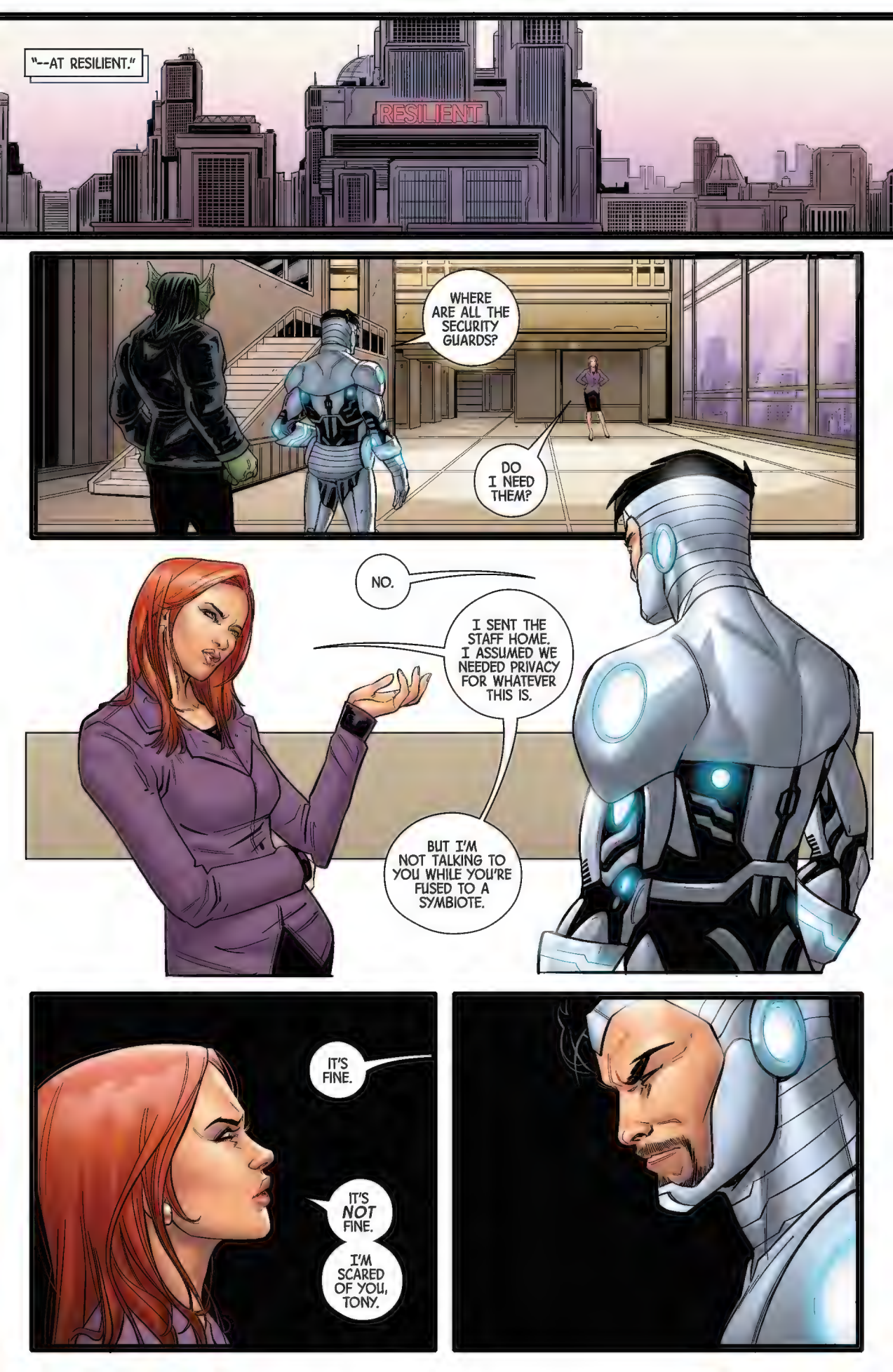
...LET HIM GO.

IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, GERALD HERE IS GOING TO COME TO HIS SENSES AND AGREE TO MY TERMS. THAT MEANS ALL OF YOU WILL WORK FOR ME.
THE GUY WHO OPENED FIRE ON A BULLET-PROOF-ANGER-MACHINE AND THE ONE WHO SHOT ME IN THE HEAD, YOU WON'T WORK HERE ANYMORE.

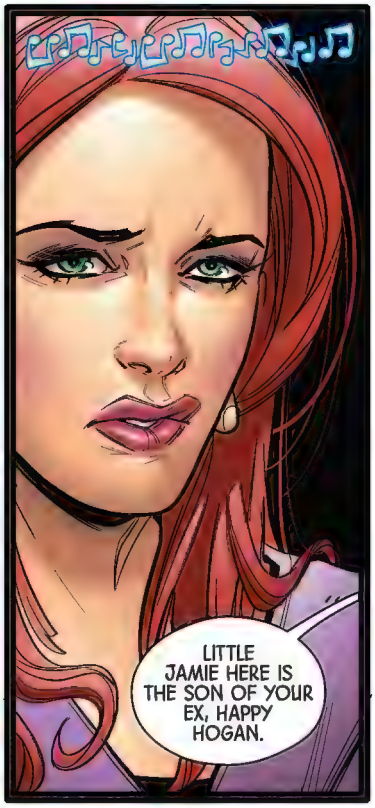
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST WALK IN HERE AND TAKE MY COMPANY FROM ME? YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST BUY MY LIFE'S WORK WITHOUT ME HAVING A SAY IN THE MATTER?
WELL... YES.
THEN I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU, YOU CONDESCENDING @#!*.
WHAT?


SIMPLE.

THEY'VE ALREADY ACCEPTED ANOTHER OFFER.
PEPPER? WHAT IS THIS?
FOR WHO?
I JUST BOUGHT FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT OF THIS COMPANY.
FOR RESILIENT.
AS IN STARK RESILIENT? THE COMPANY DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH CAPITAL TO--
THERE'S NO "STARK" IN THE NAME ANYMORE, REMEMBER?
YOU GAVE UP THE COMPANY, TONY. YOU TOLD ME TO RUN IT. I RUN IT VERY, VERY WELL.
YOU'LL RECEIVE A BILL FOR THE TABLE AND THE WINDOW.
NOW, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE MY BUILDING.
RRRR.
THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR STEPMOTHER.
WHAT?
NOT HERE. WE'LL TALK LATER--


"--AT RESILIENT."
RESILIENT
WHERE ARE ALL THE SECURITY GUARDS?
DO I NEED THEM?
NO.
I SENT THE STAFF HOME. I ASSUMED WE NEEDED PRIVACY FOR WHATEVER THIS IS.
BUT I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU WHILE YOU'RE FUSED TO A SYMBIOTE.
IT'S FINE.
IT'S NOT FINE.
I'M SCARED OF YOU, TONY.

THANK YOU.
DING
WE'RE NOT GOING UP TO THE BOARDROOM?
I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO THE LAST BOARDROOM.
I DON'T REMEMBER RESILIENT'S NEW YORK OFFICES GOING THIS FAR DOWN.
WE'VE EXPANDED.
YOU CALLED ME HIS STEPMOTHER. WHY?
BECAUSE YOU ARE, PEPPER.


LITTLE JAMIE HERE IS THE SON OF YOUR EX, HAPPY HOGAN.

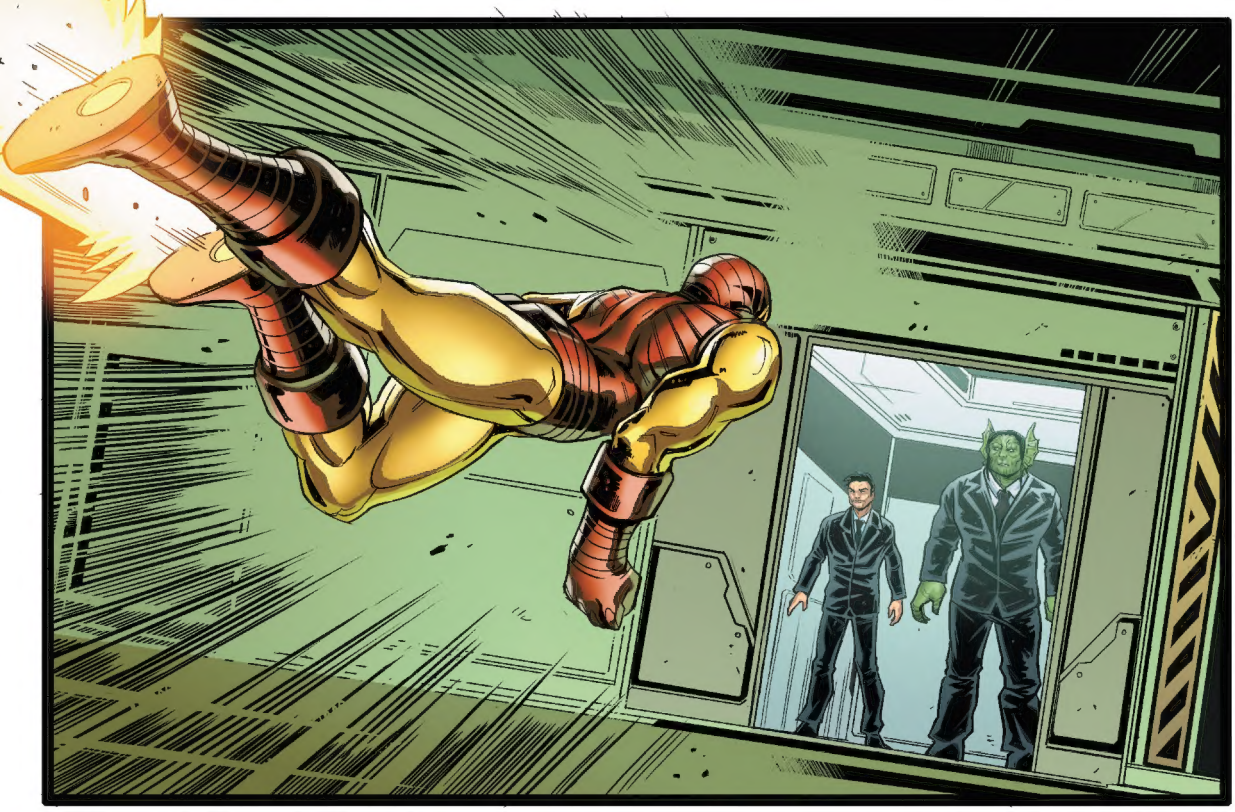
JAMIE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
AND I'M SORRY.
WHAT?

SHHHHNK

PSSHHH

HUH?

DING
BE READY!



KANG

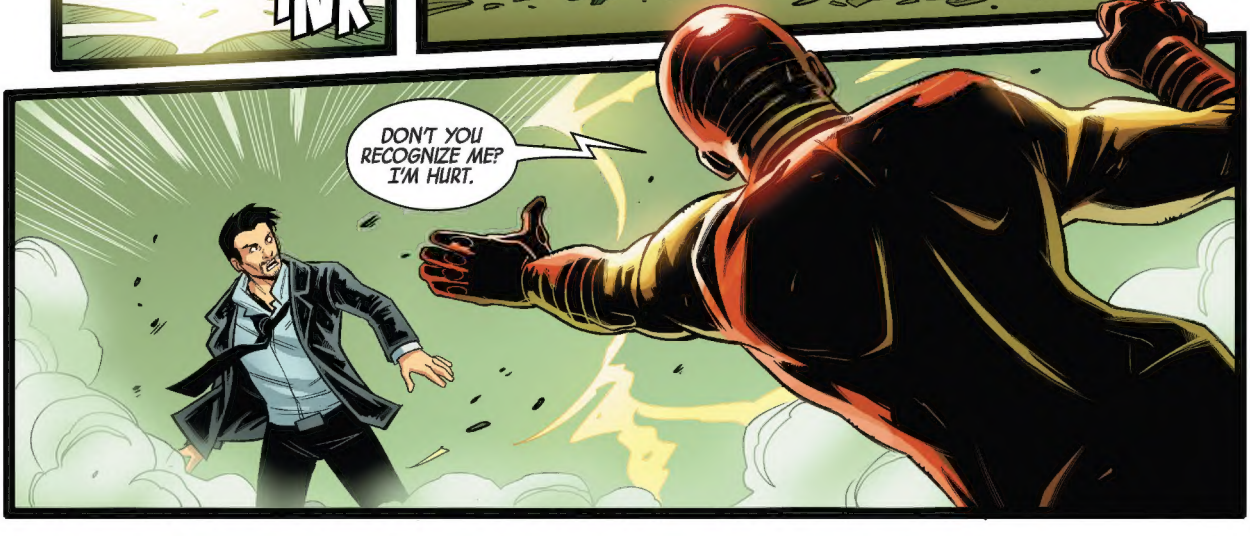
RGGHN!

CRRNCH

CHOOOM

TNK

WHO ARE YOU?


DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? I'M HURT.

I'M YOU, TONY.
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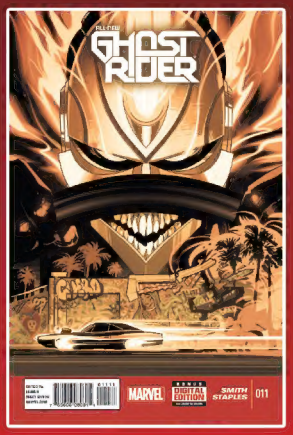

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